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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

REGISTRATION UNDERWAY FOR EIU SUMMER YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM

CHARLESTON -- Registration is now taking place for this year's Summer Youth Education Program, "From Pole to Pole: Stories of the Americas," offered through Eastern Illinois University's College of Education and Professional Studies.

This developmental/enrichment program -- open to those children entering first through eighth grades -- features individualized instruction in reading, creative writing, spelling, handwriting, math and dramatics, as well as social studies projects in an open classroom atmosphere. Also included are field trips, resource personnel and supervised play activity.

Instruction is provided by public elementary school teachers with assistance by EIU students enrolled in teacher education.

The program is scheduled to run from 9 a.m. to noon Mondays through

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SUMMER YOUTH

Thursdays, June 21 through July 22. Students will meet at Carl Sandburg School in Charleston.

Students identified through the public schools as needing specialized educational programming (i.e., learning disabilities/LD, behavior disorders/BD, educable mentally handicapped/EMH, etc.) and who have completed grades two, three or four this past year are welcome to participate in an area of the program designed specifically for students with special needs.

Instruction will be coordinated through Eastern's special education department and will take place in the university's Buzzard Hall, Rooms 1160 and 1180. The special needs program will feature individualized instruction in reading, written language and math. Resource personnel and supervised play activities also will be included.

Students registered in this area of the Summer Youth Education Program will meet from 9 a.m. to noon Mondays through Thursdays, July 6 through 29.

Registration for all participants is \$30. For information and/or registration materials, contact Eastern's College of Education and Professional Studies at (217) 581-2620. Applicants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, with attention to maintaining a balance among each grade level.

The program is offered to all interested families -- not just those living in the Charleston school district.